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Repairs to the Uruvachal-Kakkengad road in Kottayam taluk.

* 992 Q.—SRI K. MADHAVAN NAMBIAR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Uruvachal-Kakkengad road in Kottayam taluk joining Tellicherry-Coorg road from the 14th mile to the Iritty-Peravur road at the 5th mile is a departmental road at present; and

(b) if so, why it is left without any repair?

THE HON. SRI S. S. RAMASAMY PADAYACHI:—" (a) The road is under the control of the Malabar District Board.

" (b) The road has been metalled in the reach between 0/0 at 3/5 and the remaining reach of the road is yet to be metalled. The District Board is expected to attend to this work in due course."

Creation of the post of 'Dean' in the Government College of Indigenous Medicine, Madras.

* 993 Q.—SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(a) whether a new post with the designation, viz., 'Dean' has been created with regard to the Government College of Indigenous Medicine, Madras; and

(b) the name of the person appointed with details about his age, pay and qualifications?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY:—" (a) Yes, Sir.

" (b) *Name*—Dr. A. Srinivasalu Naidu.

Age—68 years old.

Pay—Such pay as together with his pension does not exceed the pay last drawn by him before retirement or the maximum of pay of the post of Dean (viz., Rs. 500—75—800), whichever is less. He is now drawing a pay of Rs. 325 and a pension of Rs. 475.

Qualification—B.A., M.D., B.S., Sc., Retired Civil Surgeon."

SRI S. DEIVASIGAMANY:—" May I know why this superannuated gentleman has been posted as Dean of this Hospital?" 9-20 a.m.

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY:—" He was the only suitable person available for the post with the requisite qualifications."

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR:—" Why was a retired Military Officer, an old man, posted as Dean of this Hospital over the head of the Principal? It seems that the post was mainly created for this gentleman."

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY:—" This College had Principals with qualifications in Modern Medicine. This is a college where not only Indigenous Medicine but also Modern Medicine

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is taught. The idea is to have an integrated system of Modern Medicine and Indigenous Medicine. This gentleman was the Professor of Pathology and a retired Civil Surgeon. His work has been so much appreciated by the students that the Students Union at their last anniversary celebrations had his portrait unveiled. He has toned up the administration and improved very much discipline among the students.''

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—'' Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state whether there are not any suitable persons in the Medical Department for appointment to this post? May I know whether it is a fact that this gentleman himself is against the Ayurvedic System of Medicine?''

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—'' No, Sir. If he is against this system he would not have accepted this appointment.''

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—'' May I know whether there were any applicants for this post and if so whether this gentleman was selected after comparing his qualifications with those of the rest or he was selected first and then the post was created for him?''

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—'' No, Sir. A few names were recommended by the Honorary Director of Indigenous Medicine. They were all considered and this gentleman was finally selected.''

Proceedings against the workers of the Vivasayigal Sangam, Tanjore district.

* 994 *Q.*—SRI S. RAMALINGAM (on behalf of Sri N. Sivaraj): Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many 'Vivasayigal Sangam' workers in Tanjore district were proceeded against under section 107 of the Criminal Procedure Code in 1953 and 1954; and

(*b*) how many were acquitted and how many bound over?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—'' (*a*) The number of Vivasayigal Sangam workers in Tanjore district against whom proceedings under section 107, Criminal Procedure Code, were initiated during the year 1953–54 was seven.

'' (*b*) One of them was bound over. Three of them were discharged. The cases against the rest are pending.''

SRI K. V. RAMASWAMI :—'' சட்ட பூர்வமாக நியாயமானமுறைகளில் வேலை கேட்ட விவசாயிகள் பலர் மீது இத்தகைய வழக்குகள் தொடரப்படுகின்றன என்பது சர்க்காருக்குத் தெரியுமா?''

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—'' No, Sir. Only when they commit breaches of the law, cases are put up against them.''